AN EPISTLE TO FRIENDS

For Them to Read.

My Dear Friends;

THE Peaceable Truth live in, which you have received from Jesus your Saviour, and that by the Grace and Truth that is come by him into your Hearts, you may all abide in Christ, and grow up in him, from whence it comes: For, as Christ saith, *Except you abide in me, you cannot bring forth Fruit.* And there is none that abide in Christ, but who abide in his Light, Grace and Truth.

And Christ saith, *Without me ye can do nothing*; who is the Heavenly and spiritual Man, the Second *Adam*, the Lord from Heaven, who hath all Power in Heaven and Earth given to him.

So without this Truth and Grace, and the Light, and Power, and Spirit of Christ Jesus, which you receive from him, you cannot abide in him; this brings you to abide in him, and to have his Presence to strengthen you, so that through him you may do all things which he commands and requires of you.

And now, *Dear Friends*, to the Light, and Grace, and Truth

in your Hearts you were turned at the first; and now as you do all walk in the Light, and are eſtabliſhed in the Grace and Truth, your Hearts, Minds and Souls, it brings you to Chriſt, the heavenly ſpiritual Rock and Foundation, and to build upon him, with the Light, Grace and Truth, that comes from him; and then you will ſee ſuch as Chriſt ſpeaks of, that did profeſs him and preach him, but did not abide in his Light, Grace and Truth, ſo not in Chriſt Jeſus; and ſuch Chriſt will not know, that do not abide in him, with his Light, Grace & Truth, from whence it comes.

For the Grace, Truth and Light that cometh by Jeſus, this makes Inward *Chriſtians*, and *Jews* Inward, who have the Praiſe of God, though not of Men.

For the Apoſtles in their dayes, they had to do with ſeveral ſorts of People, ſome that preached Chriſt of Envy, and ſome of Contention, and ſome of Good Will, notwithſtanding the Apoſtles rejoyced that Chriſt was preached. But then after a time, when many had gotten the Form of Chriſtianity and Godlineſs, and denyed the Power thereof, he exhorted the Faithful, that kept their Habitation in Chriſt Jeſus, to turn away from ſuch.

And yet ſuch went under the Name of *Chriſtians*, elſe they could not have the Form of Godlineſs.

And likewiſe, ſuch as got the good Words and fair Speeches, with which they deceived the Hearts of the Simple, theſe were got to be Preachers among the *Chriſtians*.

And the Heady, High-minded and Fierce Deſpiſers, theſe had the Form of Godlineſs, though they denyed the Power of it, which they were turned from.

So they that lived in the Light, Grace and Truth, and the Power and Spirit of Chriſt, were to turn away from ſuch, that had the Form of Godlineſs, and denyed the Power.

And ſuch as theſe, that had the Form of Godlineſs and denyed the Power, were come farther than ſuch as taught for Doctrine the Rudiments and Precepts of the World and Doctrines of Men; or the profeſſing *Jews* and *Gentiles*, that ſtood againſt the Name of Chriſt, which were altogether Unbelievers of the very Form of Godlineſs of the New Covenant.

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And likewiſe ſuch, that were doting about Queſtions, and Striſes about Words, Vain Jangiers and Diſputers, Men of Corrupt Minds, and thoſe that were Unruly, and Vain Talkers; many of theſe were Teachers, which were Troublers of the Churches in the Apoſtles dayes.

And thoſe that *Peter* and *Jude* cryed againſt, that were come ſo far as *Balaam* to propheſie, and *Cain* to hear the Voice of God, and a *Corah*, which came out of *Ægypt*; many of theſe got up to be Teachers, having high ſwelling Words, which the Apoſtle judged them amongſt the fallen Angels, and the old World, and *Sodom*, who were turned to be Mockers.

And ſuch like as theſe were they, that ſeparated themſelves, being ſenſual, having not the Spirit. And ſo it ſeems theſe did ſet up Separations from the Apoſtles and Saints in their dayes.

And the Apoſtle declareth, how *the Lord ſaved his People out of the Land of* Egypt, *and afterward deſtroyed them that believed not; and the Angels that kept not their firſt State, but left their own Habitation, he hath reſerved in everlaſting Chains under Darkneſs, unto the Judgment of the great Day.*

And ſo theſe, which went under the Name of *Chriſtians*, that had been convinced, and had got a Form of Godlineſs and *Chriſtianity*, that kept not their firſt ſtate, in the Light, and Grace and Truth, and by it, their Habitation in Chriſt Jeſus, they came under the Chain of Darkneſs.

And therefore, *Friends*, you ſee how the Apoſtle was troubled with the Falſe Apoſtles and Satan's Meſſengers, that got among the *Corinthians*, and how they deſpiſed the Apoſtle.

And likewiſe what was got up among the *Romans* and *Galathians*, and in the dayes of *John*, as he manifeſts in his Epiſtles.

And therefore, how Careful were the true Apoſtles of the Saints in their watching over them!

For *John* ſaid, *If ye walk in the Light, as he is in the Light, then have we Fellowſhip one with another. And that ye alſo may have Fellowſhip with us; for truly our Fellowſhip is with the Father and his Son Jeſus Chriſt. And theſe things write we unto you, that your Joy may be full.*

For many may talk of the Light, and preach the Light; but

to walk in the Light; that is it which grafts into Christ Jesus, and brings to live in him, which talking of him doth not.

And as the Apostle said, *As every one hath received Christ Jesus, so walk in him:*

And the Sayers of the Word, and not the Doers, deceived their own Souls.

So there may be many Sayers of the Word, Deceivers of their own Souls and others, and Preachers of Christ Jesus. But the Doers of the Word, and the Walkers in Christ Jesus, are they that are Accepted of the Lord.

And again, as the Apostle saith, *The Word of Faith was nigh them, in their Hearts and Mouthes, to obey it and do it, and that was the Word of Faith which they preached.*

And the Light shined in their Hearts, to give them the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Christ Jesus.

And the Anointing which you have received of him, abideth in you; and ye need not that any man teach you, but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, that is true, and is no Lye; and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. And these things I have written unto you, saith the Apostle, *concerning them that seduce you.*

So here may all the inward Christians in the Grace, Light, Truth, Power and Spirit of Christ Jesus, see what the Apostles exhorted the Saints unto, that they might be preserved in their day, and so by the same now, from them that deceived their own Souls and others.

And so by this Light, this Word, the Anointing, Grace, Truth, Power and Spirit of Jesus Christ in the Heart, Mind and Soul, must all the Saints be guided now, by which they may come to be inward Christians, and have a Habitation in Christ Jesus, and so built upon him the living Rock and Foundation, as the Saints were in the Apostles dayes; and so to have Salt in your selves, and the Leaven in your own Meal, and the Pearl in your own Field, and your Lamps lighted in your own Tabernacles, and nourished with the Heavenly Oyl. So that you may put a Difference betwixt the Clean and the Unclean, and what you are to touch, and what you are not. And that no Man or Woman may look

look below Heaven for their Bread, to nouriſh their Souls and inward Man, and below God and Chriſt for their Springs, which by continuing in the Light, which is the Life in Chriſt, the Word, by which all things were made and created, they ſhall have a Spring from him the Fountain, ſpringing up in them to Eternal Life; ſo they ſhall have both the upper & nether Springs to nouriſh the Plant that God hath planted.

And ſuch as came out of *Ægypt* with *Moſes*, and after rebelled againſt the Lord, and *Moſes*, and the Law and the Prophets, which were a greater Grief to *Moſes* and the Prophets than the *Heathen*.

And likewiſe, thoſe that came to be *Chriſtians* called, and had got the Form of Godlineſs, came to be a greater Grief to the Apoſtles than the World; for their Work was to ſeek to deſtroy that which the Apoſtles had begotten, and them that they had turned to Chriſt. And therefore well might the Apoſtle exhort the Saints, *to turn away from ſuch, that had the Form of Godlineſs, and denyed the Power*; and therefore he told the Saints, *The Kingdom of Heaven ſtands not in Words, but in Power*; and therefore they were to know one another in the Spirit and Power, and that is the eternal Knowledge: And their Fellowſhip was to be in the Holy Ghoſt, and their Unity in the Spirit, which was the Bond of Peace: And their Fellowſhip was to be in the Goſpel, which was the Power of God. So an Everlaſting Fellowſhip in the Everlaſting Power of God, that will out-laſt the power of Darkneſs; for it was before it was. And alſo, their Unity was to be in the precious Divine Faith, which Chriſt was the Author and Finiſher of, the Myſtery of which was held in the pure Conſcience; and their Worſhip was in the Spirit of God, and in the Truth. So you may ſee what a Heavenly Unity and Fellowſhip and a Worſhip Chriſt and the Apoſtles ſet up.

And the Saints in the Light, Grace, Truth, Spirit and the Power of God the Goſpel, lived in it, and walked in it. So with the Light, Grace, Truth, Power, Spirit and Word of Life in the Heart, all hold Chriſt the Head, who is the Head of all things, by whom all things were made, who is the Treaſure of the heavenly ſaving Wiſdom and Knowledge, who is called the *ſecond Adam*, the *Lord from Heaven*.

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And therefore all are to have their Knowledge and their Wisdom from him the Treasure, by the Light, Grace, Truth, Power and Spirit that comes from him, it leads you to him your Treasure of heavenly Wisdom and Knowledge, by which Knowledge you know God, and Jesus Christ whom he hath sent, which is Life Eternal to know.

And now, my Dear Friends, concerning TRUE LIBERTY.

THE True Liberty is in the Gospel, the Power of God, which the Devil and his Instruments, with his False Liberty, cannot get into.

And in this Gospel is the Saints Fellowship, which the Devil with all his false fellowships cannot get into, nor find it; for it is a Mystery. Likewise true Liberty is in the Faith, which Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of, which gives Victory over that which separated man and Woman from God, and by which they have access to God again. And in this holy, pure, divine, precious Faith, that is held in the pure Conscience, which pure Conscience hath its pure, holy, divine, precious Liberty, in this holy, divine, precious Faith, which works by Love (and not as the dead Faith doth, which works by Enmity) which is the Fruit of this holy, pure, divine Faith: and in it is the divine, pure, holy, precious Liberty and Freedom. So here is the divine, holy, pure and precious Liberty in this Faith, which works by Love, that is the Victory over that which brought Man and Woman into Bondage, and Slavery, and False Liberty. So this living Faith is the Victory over all dead Faiths and false Freedoms and Liberties; which holy, divine, pure and precious Faith, the Saints were and are to contend for, which Christ the Holy One is the Author and Finisher of: So in this holy, divine, pure and precious Faith, they have a holy, divine, pure and precious Unity and Liberty, which is the Victory over the Enmity & the Adversary,

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the Deſtroyer, and all his Inſtruments; and they cannot come within this holy, divine, pure and precious Unity and Liberty, which is in the Faith; for it is a Myſtery: and gives Victory over him, and is the Acceſs to the pure God, and to Chriſt the Author of it; which all are to ſtand faſt in that Liberty wherewith Chriſt hath made them free, who is the heavenly and ſpiritual Man, the ſecond *Adam*.

For the Bondage, Captivity and Thraldom, Falſe Freedom and Falſe Liberty was and is in old *Adam*, in Tranſgreſſion; & the true Liberty is that, which Chriſt the pure & holy One makes free in; and this is a pure holy Liberty, which Chriſt makes, and ſets his People free in; in which they are all to ſtand faſt over all the falſe Liberties and Freedoms, which are Bondage.

Alſo, the true Liberty is in the Truth, which *if the Truth hath made you free, then are you free indeed, from him that abode not in the Truth. in whom there is no Truth.* So then there is no true Freedom nor Liberty in him; and he in whom there is no Truth, cannot come into this Freedom and Liberty, which is in the Truth, but remains in the Falſe.

For the *Jews* in the dayes of Chriſt, boaſted of their Liberty and Freedom, though they were in Bondage both inwardly and outwardly; and that *they were of* Abraham *their Father*; but Chriſt told them, *The Devil was their Father, & his luſts ye will do.*

And alſo, in the dayes of the Apoſtles, many of the Falſe *Chriſtians* boaſted of their Liberty; but who was overcome by them, was brought into Bondage.

And the Apoſtle was ſo careful of his Liberty in Chriſt Jeſus, that ſuch as came to ſpye it out, & were ſomewhat in Conference; but they added nothing to him; and unto ſuch he would not give place by Subjection, but rather reproved them; and directed every one to walk according to the meaſure of the Rule which God had diſtributed to them.

And alſo, True Liberty is in the Light and Grace, and the Spirit which comes by Jeſus, which by believing in the Light, they are grafted into Chriſt, and ſo into true Liberty and Freedom, and ſo are entred into the Reſt, out of the Toil of old *Adam*; for they are grafted into him who was before old *Adam* was.

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For Unbelievers in the Light, are grafted into old *Adam*, in Transgreſſion. And the Believers in the Light, which is the Life in Chriſt, are grafted into Chriſt the Word, by which all things were made and Created. So here is perfect true Freedom and Liberty.

And likewiſe, the true Liberty and Freedom is in the Grace, which brings Salvation, and not Deſtruction; and teaches to live Godly, not Ungodly; and Soberly, not Unſoberly; and Righteouſly, not Unrighteouſly: and teaches to deny the World, and not to cleave to it and to follow it.

This Grace ſtabliſhes the Heart, and ſeaſons the Words; the Fruits of its Liberty and Freedom will manifeſt it ſelf.

And alſo, the True Liberty in the pure holy Spirit of God and Chriſt doth baptize and plunge down that which is gotten up by Tranſgreſſion in Man and Woman, and Circumciſes and cuts off the Body of Death and Sin in the Fleſh, that is gotten up in Man and Woman by Tranſgreſſion, and mortifies and kills that which would grieve, vex or quench the Motions of the pure Spirit of God, ſo that in this holy pure Spirit of this pure God and Chriſt, is the holy pure Freedom and Liberty over all Bondage and falſe Liberties and Freedoms.

And the Fruits of this pure Spirit is pure Love, Righteouſneſs and Godlineſs, Patience, Temperance and Humility; by which Spirit all are made to drink into one Spirit; ſo that all are the living Wells, that have their living Water from God and Chriſt, their true and living Fountain; and in which Spirit they have a holy and ſpiritual Fellowſhip, in this Baptizing, Mortifying, Circumciſing Spirit, yea, one with another, and with the Son and the Father alſo, through which the Love of God warms every ones Heart. But when the *Love of many waxes cold*, as Chriſt ſaith, then they go from this *Grace*, *Light*, *Truth*, *Power* and *Spirit*, and the *Anointing*, and the *Word of God in their own Hearts*; then ſuch turn to be Betrayers, and not Saviours upon *Mount Sion: And againſt ſuch God's ſwift Judgment turns, and ſuddainly falls, though they may cry for a time*, Liberty, Freedom *and* Peace, Peace; *but a Day of Trouble will overtake them ere they are aware.*

And therefore all ye Friends of Chriſt Jeſus, ſtand faſt in that Li-

Liberty wherewith Christ Jesus hath made you free, by his Light Grace, Truth, Spirit, Faith and Everlasting Gospel, the Everlasting Power of God, which is an Everlasting Freedom and Liberty above all Bondage and false fallen Liberties and Freedoms; in this glorious Gospel and glorious joyful Liberty, where all may exercise God and Christ's holy Gifts in his holy supernatural Light, Grace, Truth, Spirit, and divine Faith, & Word of Life, and the Gospel; which Word cannot be bound with all the World's Cords or Chains; *for it is a Fire to burn, and a Hammer to break, and a Sword to cut in pieces:* and therefore Love the Word, and *keep the Word of Patience, and the Lord will keep you* (for it is a tryed Word, and it will keep you) *in all Tryals, which shall come upon all the World to try them:* for the Word was before the World was, and will be when the World is gone, which all the new born Babes of the incorruptible Seed of the Milk of the Word, grow by it up into an immortal Life, and Kingdom that is without End; *Glory and Praises to the Lord God forever.*

And now ye Babes of Christ, *If the World do hate you, it hated Christ your Lord and Master also; if they do mock, and reproach, and defame, and buffet you; they did so to your Lord and Master also,* who was and is the Green Tree, that gives Nourishment to all his Branches his Followers.

Now, if the World do persecute you, and take away your Goods or Clothes, was not your Lord and Master so served? did not they cast Lots for his Garments? was not he haled from the Priests to *Herod*, and before *Pontius Pilate*, and spit upon? and if they hate thee, and spit upon thee, he was hated and spit upon for thee: did he not go to Prison for thee? and was he not mocked and scourged for thee? did not he bow to the Cross and Grave for thee, *he who had no Sin, neither was Guile found in his Mouth?* and did he not bear thy Sins in his own Body upon the Tree? and was he not scourged for thee? *by whose Stripes we are healed*: did not he suffer the Contradiction of Sinners, who dyed for Sinners, and went into the Grave for Sinners, and dyed for the Ungodly, yea, tasted Death for every man, *who through Death destroyed Death, and the Devil, the power of Death, and is risen*; for Death and the Grave could not hold him, nor the Powers and

Principalities, with all their Guards and Watches, could not hold him within the Grave, but he is riſen, and is aſcended far above all Principalities, Powers, Thrones and Dominions, and is ſet down at the Right Hand of God, and remaineth in the Heavens till all things be reſtored: And he is reſtoring with his Light, Grace, Truth, Power, Spirit, Faith, Goſpel and Word of Life; ſo that you read of ſome, *that came to ſit together in Heavenly Places in Chriſt Jeſus.*

And therefore all muſt bow at the Name of Jeſus their Saviour, in his Light, Grace, Truth, Power, Spirit and Goſpel (for he hath bowed for you) if you riſe with him: And you muſt ſuffer with him, if you will reign with him; and dye with him, if you will live with him. And all that are dead and buryed with Chriſt, and are riſen with him, they will ſeek thoſe things that come down from above, where Chriſt ſits at the Right Hand of God; and there you will ſeek thoſe things which come down from above, and not thoſe things which are below.

For thoſe which ſeek thoſe things that are below, are the Tallers of God and Chriſt, and the Prophets and the Apoſtles words; but they are not dead with Chriſt, nor riſen with him; and therefore they cannot ſeek thoſe things that come down from Heaven, where Chriſt ſits at the Right Hand of God. But they are them that ſeek the things that are Above, that are dead with Chriſt, and riſen with him; they, I ſay, do ſeek thoſe things which come down from Heaven, where Chriſt ſits at the Right Hand of God; and they have not only ſought them, but have found them and received them, and come to ſit together in Heavenly Places in Chriſt Jeſus, a ſafe eſtabliſhed and heavenly ſitting in a heavenly Reſt and Habitation in Chriſt Jeſus, who is the Firſt and Laſt, and over all, from Everlaſting to Everlaſting; *Bleſſings and Praiſes over all be to the Lord God through him forever,* Amen.

The Eternal living God of Truth, he is a God of Order, and is not the Author of Confuſion, but of Peace in all the Churches of the Saints.

Now, the Author of Confuſion, and not of Peace, is the God of the World, who abode not in the Truth, becauſe there is no Truth in him; *and when he ſpeaks a Lye, he ſpeaks of his own; for he is a Lyar, and the Father of it.*

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Now, the *Jews*, which did the God of the World's Lusts, and them called *Christians* that do, were in Strife, Confusion and Disorder.

For the *Jews*, they went out of the Order of *Aaron* and *Moses*, going from the Spirit of God poured out upon the House of *Israel*, and so went from the Lord and his Law, went into Confusion and Disorder, which the living God of Truth was not the Author of.

Also the *Christians*, which go from the Light, Grace, Truth, Power, Spirit, Gospel and Faith, which Christ Jesus is the Author of, they go from Christ and his Order, who was not made a Priest after the Order of *Aaron*, but after the Order of *Melchizedeck, who was without beginning of Dayes or end of Life*, an Everlasting Order.

And such go into Strife and Confusion that go from Christ, which Christ and God is not the Author of, but the World's God, who got into Man and Woman by Transgression and Disobedience of the Command of God; who is the God of Confusion, Strife and Disorder, in whom there is no Truth. For what Order can there be in the *World's God*, and amongst his Subjects, in whom there is no Truth; and in whom there is no Truth, there is no true Order; and they that abide not in the Truth, Grace, Light, Spirit, Gospel, Faith and Word of Life, they abide not in the Order of God and Christ.

And such will cry against the Order of the Truth, Light, Grace, Spirit, Gospel, Faith and Word of Life, which brings into the Order of Christ, and the Order of the living eternal God of Truth, who is a God of Order, and delights in Order, having Pleasure in them that live in his Spirit, and Law of Life, and the Gospel, and its Order. For blessed is the Man that delights in the Law or Order of God; it was so under the old Covenant: much more blessed is the Man or Woman that delights in the Law and Order of Love, and the Law and Order of Faith, and the Law and Order of Life, and of the Gospel, the Power of God.

And none keep the Law of Faith, but who keep in the Faith which Christ is the Author of, which works by Love. And none keep

keep the Law of Life, but who keep in the Law of the Spirit, and walk in it, which is in Christ Jesus, the heavenly and spiritual Second *Adam*, who was before old *Adam* was, who was under the *World's God*, out of Truth, in whom there is no Truth nor true Order, but Confusion and Unruliness.

And therefore all who come to God, who is a *God of Order*, must come by the *Grace*, *Truth*, *Light*, *Power*, *Gospel*, *Faith* and *Anointing*, *the Word of Life within*; and such come to love the Lord Jesus Christ, and to delight in God and Christ's Order. So you may see, *that God is a God of Order*, who called *Aaron* and *Moses*, and they had an *Order* from God. And *Melchizedeck* had an *Order*; and Christ is after his *everlasting Order*.

And Christ the Truth hath an everlasting Kingdom, that stands in everlasting Righteousness, and Power & Joy in the holy Ghost; yea, an established Kingdom, that will never have an end, and cannot be broken: and no imperfect, defiled nor corruptible thing enters into it.

And all Christ Jesus his Subjects of his everlasting Kingdom, that see it, and enter into it, are born again not by the Will of Man, but of an incorruptible Seed, by the Word of God, and have the incorruptible Milk of the Word of God, by which they grow from Babes to Men of God; and have the Fine Linnen, the Incorruptible Clothing, the Righteousness of Christ, which is the Fine Linnen, which they do wear in Christ's Kingdom.

So all Christ's Subjects of his Kingdom are known by their Birth and Clothes, and live in his Order of his *Gospel of Love*, *Life*, *Light*, *Grace* and *Truth*; which no man comes into his Kingdom and Order, but by the *Light*, *Grace* and *Truth*, *Faith*, *Power* and *Spirit*, and *Anointing*, and *Word of Life within*, through which they know Christ, and his Everlasting Kingdom, that stands in Power and Righteousness, and Joy in the Holy Ghost; and by it keep in his Order of the Law of Life, which they have in Christ Jesus.

And they that follow the *World's God*, that are out of Truth, & disobey their Creator, the God of Truth, and the Lord Jesus Christ; I say, all such obey and follow him in whom there is no Truth; and such cannot endure to hear talk of the *Order of Truth*

Truth and of the *Gospel*, or the *Law*, or *Order of the Spirit of Life* which is in Christ Jesus, which all they that do obey the Voice of the Lord, and Christ Jesus in his Light, Grace and Truth, and Gospel, the Power of God, and his Holy Spirit, and Faith, and Word of Life within, come into Unity and Fellowship one with another, and with the Son, and with the Father; and in this they know the *Order of Christ*, and *God to be a God of Order*, and delights in his Heavenly and Eternal *Order of Light, Life, Power* and *Spirit of God*, that is over Death and Darkness, and the *World's God*, who is a *God of Disorder*, in whom there is no true Order, but Confusion; and into this holy Order of the Everlasting Light & Life he cannot come: *Glory to the Lord God, and his Son Christ Jesus, who is over all from Everlasting to Everlasting, and is the Rock and Foundation and Habitation of his People, blessed forever and evermore*, Amen,

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Postscript.

HERE you may see by these following Scriptures, how the Apostles loved the good and holy Order of Christ in his Gospel, and Light, and Life and Truth; but as *Job* said, *The Land of Darkness is without any Order*. And *Babylon* signifies *Confusion*, which is the False Church, and is called a *Woman*, and *a City of Confusion*, who is against the Order of the true Church, and gets the Titles of the true Church that

is called a *City*, and a *Woman*, *which brings forth the Man Child, Christ Jesus*; *and of the increase of his Government and Peace there shall be no end*; *who sits upon the Throne of* David, *and upon his Kingdom, to Order it, to establish it with Judgment and with Justice, from henceforth and forever.* So here you may see Christ doth order in his Kingdom; and them that have him, have his Order, *Isa.* 9.

And *David* saith, *Although mine House be not so with God, yet he hath made with me an Everlasting Covenant, Ordered in all things, and sure for all my Salvation, and all my Desire, &c.* 2 Sam. 23.

Again, *David* saith, *Order my Steps by thy Word, and let not Iniquity have Dominion over me*, Psalm 119. 133.

Which is the Duty of every true *Christian*, to have their Steps ordered by the Word of God, that lives, and abides, and endures forever; which Word is a Word of Order.

And *David* saith, *The Steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delights in his Way. I have been young and now am old, yet I have not seen the Righteous forsaken, nor his Seed begging Bread: He is ever merciful, and lendeth, and his Seed is blessed*, Psal. 37.

Here you may see, how the Lord delights in him and them that walk in the Steps the Lord orders them with his Word.

And him that orders his Conversation aright, shall see the Salvation of God, Psalm 49.

And this Order must be in the Light, which is the Life in Christ the Saviour.

And the Apostle *Paul*, after he had spoken many things to the *Corinthians*, he said, *The rest will I set in Order when I come*, 1 Cor. 11.

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And he saith concerning the *Collections for the Saints* in 1 *Cor.* 16. *As I have given Order to the Churches of* Galatia, *even so do ye* (to wit, the *Corinthians.*)

So they were to practise the same Order, which were the Believers in Christ, which the Apostle in the Power of Christ had given to them.

For the Apostles had the Wisdom of God, which he had ordained before the World, unto the Glory of his People then and now also, 1 *Cor.* 2.

And the Order that the Apostle did give to the Churches of the *Galatians* and the *Corinthians* was, *That upon the First Day of the Week, every one of them lay by him in store as God had prospered him, &c.*

And in *Acts* 14. When they had *Ordained* Elders in every Church, and had prayed, they commended them to the Lord on whom they had believed, confirming the Souls of the Disciples, &c. and exhorting them to continue in the Faith; and that they might pass thorow much Tribulation to enter into the Kingdom of God.

And as *Paul* and others with him went through the Cities, they delivered them the Decrees for to keep, that were Ordained of the Apostles and Elders which were at *Jerusalem*, and so were the Churches established in the Faith, and increased in Number daily, *Acts* 16.

And the Occasion of these Decrees was, because some men that went from *Judea*, taught the Brethren, saying, *Except ye be Circumcised after the Manner of* Moses, *ye cannot be saved*, Acts 15. And these Decrees were to stop such Preachers.

For the Apostles and Elders said, 'Forasmuch as

'we have heard, that certain which went out from us, 'have troubled you with words, ſubverting your 'Souls, ſaying, Ye muſt be Circumciſed, and Keep 'the Law; to whom we gave no ſuch Command-'ment.

Now it is clear, the Apoſtles and Elders gave theſe Teachers no ſuch Commandment, to preach ſuch Doctrine to trouble the Churches.

And the Apoſtle *Paul*, after he had ſpent ſome time at *Cæſaria* and *Antioch* he went over all the Country of *Aſia* and *Phrygia* in Order, ſtrengthning all the Diſciples, *Acts* 18.

So you may ſee, how they were a Comfort one to another.

And the Apoſtle writes to *Titus*, Chap. 1. *For this Cauſe I have left thee in* Creete, *that thou ſhou'dſt ſet in Order the things that are wanting; and Ordain Elders in every City, as I have appointed thee.*

So here *Titus* in the Spirit of God did obſerve that which *Paul* in the Power of Chriſt did exhort him to.

But ſuch as are againſt the Order and Practice in the Light and Goſpel, cannot Order their Speeches by reaſon of Darkneſs.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in *Col.* 2. *Though I be abſent in the Fleſh, yet am I with you in the Spirit, joying and beholding your Order, and ſteadfaſtneſs of your Faith in Chriſt: As ye have therefore received Chriſt Jeſus the Lord, ſo walk ye in him.*

Here the Apoſtle rejoyced in the Order that kept them in the Faith and Stedfaſtneſs in Chriſt Jeſus.

Therefore

Therefore the Apoſtle ſaith, *Every man in his own Order, Chriſt the Firſt Fruits, &c. For in* Adam *all dyed, even ſo in Chriſt ſhall all be made alive.*

And they that be alive in Chriſt Jeſus, are in his Order of Life and Light, and in his Goſpel the Power of God.

And the Apoſtle ſaith in 1 Cor. 14.40. *Let all things be done Decently and in Order.*

And the Heavens and the Earth, and all things therein, are Governed and Ordered by the Lord in his Power and Wiſdom; and all God's holy Angels are Governed and Ordered by God; and all God's Children and People are Governed and Ordered by God and Chriſt in his Light, and Spirit, and Grace, and Truth, and Power, Goſpel and Word of Life.

And the Lord hath ſet apart him and them that are Godly for himſelf, Pſalm 4.

And God hath Ordained his Arrows againſt the Perſecutors, Pſalm 7.

And it ought to be the Practice of all the true *Chriſtians* now, that are in the ſame Power and Spirit as the Apoſtles were in, to let all things be done Decently and in Order, in the New Covenant of Light, Life and Grace, to the Glory of the Great God, who is over all, and orders all things to his Glory, *Amen.*

G. F.

AND now Friends, you who are called into this glorious Liberty of the Sons of God, ſtand faſt in it. And as the Apoſtle ſaith, *Brethren, ye have been called unto Liberty, only uſe it not for an Occaſion to the Fleſh; but in Love ſerve one another*, Gal. 5.

As free, not uſing your Liberty for a Cloak of Maliciouſneſs, but as the Servants of God, 1 Pet. 2.

For there were ſome, who while they promiſed themſelves Liberty, they themſelves were Servants of Corruptions: ſuch were like the Dog and the Sow, biting, and renting, and vomiting, and wallowing in the Mire; and as bad as the Synagogue of the *Libertines* that turned againſt *Stephen*, 2 Pet. 2. and Acts 7.

And therefore the Apoſtle was careful of the Churches Liberty in Chriſt, when he ſaid, *But take heed, leſt this Liberty of yours become a Stumbling-block to them that are Weak, &c.* 1 Cor. 8.

For the Apoſtle was ſo careful and tender, that he would not have his true Liberty judged of another man's Conſcience, &c. as you may ſee more at large in 1 *Cor.* 10.

And the Apoſtle ſaid, *Falſe Brethren came unawares privily, to ſpy out their Liberty, which they had in Chriſt Jeſus, that they might bring them into Bondage; to whom we gave place by Subjection, no not for an Hour, that the Truth of the Goſpel might continue with you* (to wit, the *Galatians*) Gal. 2.

And therefore he exhorts them to ſtand faſt in that

that Liberty wherewith Christ Jesus hath made them free, &c. which is the Duty of all true *Christians* now, for to stand fast in that heavenly glorious Liberty which Christ the heavenly and spiritual man, the Second *Adam*, makes them free in; and in this they will all have Salt and Savour in themselves to discern between the true Liberty and Freedom and the false, and know how to use their holy and spiritual Liberty and Freedom in Christ Jesus to the Praise and Glory of God.

So Friends, The Lord God Almighty preserve you all, in the Heavenly Order of Christ Jesus, in his holy Seed, Life, Power and Spirit, that all may live and walk in it, to the Praise, and Glory, and Honour of God and Christ, *Amen*.

The 3d of the 9th Moneth, 1679. *G. F.*

THE END.

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